



2006 Volunteer Opportunities

You may need to contact MSU Extension - Bay County for detailed descriptions of volunteer opportunities. All Master Gardeners and trainees are welcome to participate.

MSU Extension Required Hours		
Place	Opportunity	Contact
MSU Extension - Bay County Bay County Building 515 Center Avenue, Ste. 301 Bay City, MI 48708-5124	Master Gardener Hotline: answering horticulture questions, Assisting with assorted office projects pertaining to the Master Gardener Volunteer Program.	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator risej@baycounty.net MSU Extension: (989) 895-4026 Hotline: (989) 895-2031
MSU Gardens East Lansing, Michigan	Docent (tour guide) for any of the five campus gardens. Assist with plant sales, school programs or work in the gardens.	Ann Hancock (517) 355-5191 hancock@msu.edu
Bay City Garden Walk Various locations throughout Bay County. This one-day project will be held on June 22, 2006. Times to be announced	Docent (tour guide) for any of the locations on the 2006 garden walk. Two shifts to be scheduled. You can also work a double shift or any part.	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator risej@baycounty.net MSU Extension: (989) 895-4026 Hotline: (989) 895-2031
Heritage House Museum 305 Pine St., Essexville	Staff information booth when appropriate.	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator risej@baycounty.net MSU Extension: (989) 895-4026 Hotline: (989) 895-2031
Master Gardener Volunteer Program Information Booth Various locations.	Staff MSU Extension sponsored information booth when needed. Not limited to, but such as: Sage Library, Bay City Compost Give Away, "Ask the Master Gardener"	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator risej@baycounty.net MSU Extension: (989) 895-4026 Hotline: (989) 895-2031
M-Dot Linwood I-75 N Bound Rest Area located between Linwood and Pinconning on Northbound I-75	Plant and maintain this rest area. Plants need to be labeled: create a brochure for handout to highlight and explain the gardens. Planting "blitz" day for 2006 is Friday, 6/2/06. We will continue on Saturday if needed. Answering visitors questions as needed when working at this location.	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator risej@baycounty.net MSU Extension: (989) 895-4026 Hotline: (989) 895-2031
M-Dot Alger I-75 Southbound rest area located just south of exit 202 on Southbound I-75 (Alger Exit)	Plant, maintain, and label garden areas. Answer questions as needed when working at this location.	Susan Treib, Advanced Master Gardener, (989)777-4912 sktreib@charter.net or Jan Rise, MSU Ext. (989) 895-4026

Bay County Library System Various locations: Central Library, Downtown Bay City Sage Library, Midland St., Bay City Pinconning Library, Pinconning Auburn Library, Auburn	Staff information booth at various times of the year at the different library locations. Answer consumer questions regarding horticulture issues.	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator MSU Extension (989) 895-4026 risej@baycounty.net
Ask the Master Gardener™ May 20, 2006 10:00-2:00pm Warmbier Farms 5300 S. Garfield Rd Auburn, MI	Information booth that will help the public with all aspects of gardening. Warmbier's is seeking individuals with knowledge of herbs and roses as they are showcasing these plants on that day, but any Master Gardener is welcome to work the info booth	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator MSU Extension-Bay County (989)895-4026 risej@baycounty.net

MSU Extension Approved Hours – Personal Choice

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Bay City Railtrail/Riverwalk Bay City Area	Adopt and maintain pocket parks. BCMGA has adopted the large pocket park at Livingston and Center.	Sylvia Robins, Advanced Master Gardener (989) 892-4029 sylrobin@chartermi.net
Heritage House Museum 305 Pine St., Essexville, MI	Maintain grounds at the Heritage House on Pine Street. (Located on Pine St. in front of Garbor High School.) Install and maintain vegetable garden for donation to food bank.	Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator risej@baycounty.net MSU Extension: (989) 895-4026 Hotline: (989) 895-2031
Plant the Bay County Building The parking lot on Fifth Street side (back) and the Veteran's Memorial along Center Avenue (front), Bay City.	Plant and maintain flower beds at the Bay County Building. Label plants and produce a brochure explaining plants and/or design.	Judy Delestowicz, Master Gardener (989) 895-4026, delestowiczj@baycounty.net Marge Marchlewicz, Master Gardener, (989) 895-4208 work, or e-mail Marchm@concentric.net
Riverwalk Beautification Across from Bay County Community Center, Bay City.	Plant and maintain flower bed along the Riverwalk, within the Kantzler Arboretum, to showcase the Master Gardener Program to the public. Also, create a brochure to explain this garden's concept.	Donna Mercer, Master Gardener (989) 893-8237
Bay County Women's Shelter and Bay Area Women's Historic Park Midland Road, Bay City	Maintain planting of new trees around the Women's Shelter. This involves watering and monitoring for problems. Help plant and design a nature garden at the rear of the Women's Center.	Ruth Blumenstein, Master Gardener, (989) 893-0650 blumenruth@charter.net
Dobon Firehouse Museum Patterson Rd., Bay City, MI Near Wheeler Rd. & Patterson across from Dow Deer Viewing Area	Help Leadership Bay County and Bay Arenac Alternative High School plant and landscape Museum for Grand Opening 5/19/06. Date for Blitz planting is 5/10/96	Judy Brunner, Master Gardener (989)686-4974
Disabilities Services Resource Center 1820 N. Trumbull Dr., Bay City	Assist clients with gardening at this location (main office). Installation of raised beds to allow disabled persons to garden	Sandy Miner, Master Gardener, (989) 893-8987, or e-mail minersl@aol.com

St. Joseph Church Rose Garden 1005 Third St. Bay City, MI 48708	Mentor & assist with maintenance of church garden. Anyone welcome. Need not be a church member.	June Weiler, Master Gardener (989)894-2016 Contact June Weiler for regular work dates and time.
Marquette Railtrail Pocket Park near Marquette and Truman Parkway Bay City	Assist & mentor members of the Northwest Citizens District Council with maintaining this pocket park dedicated to one their past members.	Judy Brunner (989)686-4974 brunnerj@chartermi.net
RSVP - Visitation Vegetable Garden @ the rear of Visitation Academy, 1104 State Street, Bay City, MI	Assist with planting and maintenance at this vegetable garden. All produce is donated to low income families. There will be a blitz planting day announced for this project in late May.	Cathy McFarland, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program - 989-893-7508
Gardens at Riverside Senior Center Bay County Community Center JFK Drive, Bay City, MI 48706	Develop and maintain gardens around the patio at the senior center. Work with senior citizen participants of the Riverside Senior Center. Label plants and develop brochure outlining gardens	Jan Richards, Master Gardener (989) 686-36661 Debbie Keyes, Master Gardener (989)893-5834
Chippewa Nature Center Midland, MI. "Gardening Day" April 22, 2006 10:00-4:00 pm	Bay County Master Gardener Association sponsored information booth. Their focus will be on "garden tools," history, some older artifacts, and most useful tools. Also will highlight maintenance of garden tools.	Judy Packard, Advanced Master Gardener (989) 686-1231 or (989)631-0830 W
Churches - Various	Mentor congregation members regarding horticulture practices used in church gardens and landscaping while maintaining and planting.	This is a "personal choice" project for individuals who assist with their churches gardens

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